

EL PASO GEN. SCOTT BURGES MAJ. MICHE'S ARMY RESERVE; COBB, BURGESS AND NEILL ALSO SPEAK

Next Chief of Staff of the Army Is Guest at Dinner in His Honor; Is Praised by Toastmaster and Speakers—Cobb, in Defending Administration Policy, Drops a Slur That Incenses the Mayor, but Toastmaster Shakes Head and Matter Ends.

CITIZENS and soldiers honored Gen. Hugh A. Scott Wednesday evening at a banquet in his honor at Hotel Paso del Norte. It was a farewell to Gen. Scott by the citizens of El Paso, the federal officials, the chamber of commerce and the army. Gen. Scott has been appointed assistant to the chief of staff of the army and will become its head in November, when his superior duties.

The banquet was given by the chamber of commerce, and the commanders of the various troops on the border patrol and at Fort Bliss were the invited guests. The affair was a typical army function. The general and the commanders were there in their gold braid and dress uniforms, the banquet room was decorated with American flags, the music was played by the famous El Paso orchestra, the menu was a picture of Gen. Scott's career, and all of the entertainment features were flavored with the tang of army life. Miniature American flags were used to decorate the food, red and white carnations were used in the center of the table, and a centerpiece of flowers was arranged in the center of the speakers' table where a big cake was placed in front of Gen. Scott.

The menu card for the dinner was one of the most attractive features of the affair. It was a picture of Gen. Scott's career, and the background of the card was a picture of Gen. Scott's career. As a border forming its background. As a border forming its background. As a border forming its background.

W. H. Burgess, the toastmaster, sat at Gen. Scott's left and George C. Carothers, the state department envoy, to Mexico, sat near the general. Mr. Burgess read a letter from Mayor Kelly, conferring upon the honor guest the freedom of the city at any time that he might return to his friends. Mr. Burgess said that he was a soldier and he might come to El Paso to make his home.

"It is a proud city that asks to be remembered by the admirer it has had for Gen. Scott," toastmaster Burgess said. "A distinguished ex-serviceman of war asked me to give a toast to Gen. Scott. I told him it was Gen. Scott and he said that he was one of the most distinguished ex-servicemen of the privilege to know. He added that if merit was recognized, Gen. Scott would be chief of staff of the army before he retired."

"Gen. Scott is a soldier among soldiers; a scholar among scholars. On his gray head rests the olive wreath of the soldier. They say that republics are ungrateful to their heroes. Gen. Scott is an example as proof that republics are grateful and the paths of duty are the ways to glory. Gen. Scott served in the west, on the Texas border, in the Philippines and in Cuba, upholding the flag undiminished. He added that if merit was recognized, Gen. Scott would be chief of staff of the army before he retired."

"I think that if some such authority and discretion had been allowed in recent affairs close to us, it would have been possible for the bird of peace to have signed its graceful peace and lived outside the storm cellar along the Rio Grande. When I heard what happened with the Navajos, I was reminded of a story of an officer of the old school who was told to obtain blueprints and build some bridges that were needed badly. When asked by his superior officer if he had obtained the blueprints yet, he answered:

"I don't know where the picture is done or not, but the bridges I see. I think Gen. Scott could have reported to Washington that the picture had been given already been done, had been given the authority. I was asked why the force was moved from the river bank to the present location. I said: 'It was done because we wanted a regimental post. El Paso has been in Washington in the position of the old women in the Two Orphans,' asking for charity, charity. We thought we wanted a regimental post, but we realized that it was a bridge post we wanted."

"Cobb's Protection of Soldiers." "I am not going to mention the fact to Gen. Scott, but we all hope that he will not forget when he gets to Washington. Since Gov. Carothers promised to protect the soldiers with his rangers, I think the army feels better down here. An Indian came to an army post in Texas and asked for a rifle. He was told to go back and use his old one, as the good one had been hunting and if he had a good rifle he might kill a soldier."

"Huh, can a soldier with club. Want gun kill 'em rangers? The Indian answered. (Laughter.) We want Gen. Scott to leave Capt. Coates here for we believe he will be safe now from the hazard of the country club and Toltec club, and we want the right thing by leaving Capt. Coates here to become an institution."

"Gen. Scott, the Citizen." Mr. Burgess then introduced Robert T. Neill, assistant United States attorney, who was named the subject of Gen. Scott. The general and the commanders were there in their gold braid and dress uniforms, the banquet room was decorated with American flags, the music was played by the famous El Paso orchestra, the menu was a picture of Gen. Scott's career, and all of the entertainment features were flavored with the tang of army life. Miniature American flags were used to decorate the food, red and white carnations were used in the center of the table, and a centerpiece of flowers was arranged in the center of the speakers' table where a big cake was placed in front of Gen. Scott.

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"Our nation has so far been uniformly successful in all its military conflicts and it has not been necessary for the spur of disaster to call forth patriotic sacrifices for reorganization and training in time of peace," said Maj. Neill. "As a civilized nation, we turn from war with honor, but in maintaining honor and in averting war, preparedness is essential. The aim desired by all good citizens is to see means made

available so that our nation may find in the hour of emergency, when the call goes forth, that immediate response from its trained military forces which will afford strength and security to all for the satisfactory knowledge of their ability to cope with whatever presents itself.

Must Look Into the Future. "It is our national boast and pride that we have to maintain only a small regular army. In the great international questions which this nation will in the future more than ever be called on to consider, effective naval and military forces will be factors more important to secure prompt response to our military establishment than the most effective for its size in the world, and capable of the greatest immediate expansion compatible with the retention of its effectiveness."

Should Strive for Efficiency. "Assuming that it is not a desirable policy for the United States to maintain a standing army much in excess of that now authorized by law, and that our first reliance for defense must be placed upon our navy, economic reasons as well as a necessary provision for national defense require us to make our military establishment the most effective for its size in the world, and capable of the greatest immediate expansion compatible with the retention of its effectiveness."

Make Up of Our Army. "Under the act approved Feb. 2, 1901, and subsequent acts, the army of the United States consists of 15 regiments of cavalry, 30 regiments of infantry, the coast artillery, and six regiments of field artillery."

The Average Strength of the Army. (Officers and enlisted men) for the fiscal year, 1913, including the hospital corps (2418), cadets United States military academy (556), Philippine scouts (5800), quartermaster corps (2218), was 95,350 men.

Peace Basis. "The United States alone of all great nations reduces its peace military establishment to about one-half of the proposed war strength by skeletonizing all units, regiments, battalions, and companies, and making no provision for the supply of effective personnel when such units are called into war service. Such a policy can have nothing to commend it, or either economic or political grounds and, if continued, must eventually prove disastrous to our nation in the hour of need."

The most effective peace organization for every army unit would be that which approaches most closely the organization of that unit when on a war footing. The great European powers provide from three to three and one-half times the peace establishment by maintaining a reserve system which supplies men that have previously served in the regular establishment and who subsequently become engaged in civil pursuits, rendering military service only as emergency recruits.

Compulsory Service Desirable. "These powers all require compulsory military service with certain exemptions—so many years with the colors and so many with the several reserve forces."

"Would it not be a wise measure if our different states required every able-bodied citizen between 21 and 28 years of age to serve three months in the National Guard of that state, a portion of this time to be at a service camp with United States regular troops?"

Reserve Forces Necessary. "The United States best adopt to mobilize all regiments of the regular army at war strength with the least delay for war. It has been the practice of the government to keep no further track of a soldier on the expiration of his enlistment. Every year a very considerable number of men are discharged, thoroughly trained in the duties of certain arms of the service. If sufficient inducements were offered many of these men would gladly re-enlist for service as reservists. Many discharged soldiers would be glad to retain a membership in an organization with comrades, where they might also qualify for a retired pay during old age."

"The actual monthly compensation need not be great, probably a few dollars a month regular pay would be sufficient, with the allowance of any kind. When called into war service the pay and allowances would then be the same as for the active list."

"After serving one enlistment on the active list, service in the reserves should count for retirement, and re-enlistment authorized after thirty years combined service on the active and reserve lists, the retired pay to be computed on the basis that three years on the reserve list equals one year on the active list. Thus a reservist who has served three years on the active list and 27 years in the reserve would, when retired, receive two-fifths of what he would have received had he served 30 years on the active list. Complete regulations for the administration of such a reserve are merely a matter of detail."

Cobb Defends Administration. To customs collector Z. L. Cobb was given the closing picture of the program and he was assigned the subject "speeding the going ahead." The collector took occasion to drop a slur upon the administration of the president or any of his cabinet in their handling of national or international affairs. He declared that El Paso should not lose sight of the fact that the government conducts its policies and affairs and sustains itself in the eyes of the world, while El Paso takes a small part in controlling the destinies of mankind.

The collector answered the criticism and his advisers by telling a story of an incompetent lawyer who was appointed to defend a man in a federal judge in New Mexico. He said that the judge knew no law but was constantly abusing the attorneys who appeared before him. "Judge, you shouldn't be too hard on the lawyers; you might be a lawyer yourself some time," he said to him one day.

"When any of my friends stand up and jump upon the Democratic party in this country I feel like telling them

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Major Kelly at once called toastmaster Burgess to his side and talked excitedly to him for a minute. Mr. Burgess was seen to shake his head and no further reference was made by the toastmaster to the incident.

Gen. Scott's Career. "Gen. Scott has earned his way by achievement," said Mr. Cobb. "He has won his way by the greatest loyalty that must be prominent in every officer and soldier in order that the army may remain worthy. This man, we know, is loyal and true. In the patriotism of American citizenship and as an expression of appreciation of the honor that has been shown us, I ask you to rise and drink to the health of Woodrow Wilson, our president."

Now, Gen. Scott, with all the love of a boy for his father, of an El Pasoan for a citizen, I did you endorse. God bless you and crown your efforts with honor and glory. When history is written let the name of Gen. Scott be glorified that people will stop to ask whether it is Winfield Scott or Hugh Lenox Scott. God bless you and the great president who has honored you." (Applause.)

Gen. Scott Replies. Toastmaster Burgess called upon the diners to rise and drink to Gen. Scott. When this was done and Gen. Scott arose to answer the toast, the applause continued for five minutes and the gray general could hardly speak for the emotion he felt because of the demonstration of affection.

"My friends, you overwhelm me with the warmth of your love," Gen. Scott said. "During the 25 years of service in all parts of the world I have never seen a picture of men so friendly as in your city. I offer you a welcome in Washington or wherever I may be and I take my leave from you tonight with the most profound regret." Gen. Scott paid a warm tribute to the officers of the staff, to major Michael Kelly, toastmaster, who have assisted him, and made a feeling reference to deputy marshal Charles R. Moore, who Tuesday, Mr. Burgess, for the chamber of commerce, expressed to Gen. Scott the appreciation that body had of his services.

Following the general's farewell talk the crowd stood and sang "America" and the dinner was converted into an informal reception for Gen. Scott, during which the double quartet sang army songs and the diners gathered around Gen. Scott to congratulate him and to tell him goodbye.

Entertainment Closes. The program entertainment was well arranged. The quartet consisted of Parvin Witte, Henry Beach, James G. McNary, Capt. Harry N. Coates, Capt. J. Craig, Louis Coggeshall, Fred Billings and James A. Dick sang frequently and Francis Moore played the accompaniment for the quartet, some of all of which were appropriate for an army affair. Capt. Harry N. Coates did a cabaret stunts with his guitar, singing local parodies on major Kelly, toastmaster, Burgess, Gen. Scott and collector Cobb. Capt. Ben Nicklin sang an Italian song in costume. Charles A. Brand did his imitations of the prominent men present and the 16th cavalry orchestra played army airs during the course. The quartet sang "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Grounds," as the final number and the farewell to Gen. Scott closed.

Those present were: Gen. Hugh L. Scott, first Lieut. D. S. Scott, A. D. C. to Gen. Scott, Capt. W. E. Hunt, department quartermaster 13th cavalry; Col. C. A. P. Hatfield, Lieut. Col. T. R. Rivers, major Robert E. L. Michie, major W. D. Lockwood, Capt. W. M. Coates, Capt. Aubrey Lippincott, Capt. H. Clifton, 12th cavalry; Lieut. Col. John C. Waterman, Capt. J. W. Craig, 13th cavalry; Col. Joseph Garrard, Col. Robert D. Read, major Lewis M. Koehler, major Charles D. Rhodes, Capt. Howard R. Hickok, 20th infantry; Col. Robert H. Loughborough, Lieut. Col. Frederick Perkins, major Wm. S. Graves, Capt. Geo. H. Estes, 10th cavalry; Major W. T. Davidson, major C. J. Manly, Signal corps—Capt. D. B. Hyer, Sixth Field artillery—Capt. E. D. Scott, Ninth cavalry—Col. John P. Guilfoyle, Lieut. Col. Augustus C. Macomber, Tenth cavalry—Col. John C. Gresham, major Leonie L. Byram, Messrs.:

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For the band concert by the 15th cavalry band at Fort Bliss Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, chief musician Rocco Resta, the director has prepared the following program: March, "Greeting to Bangor," Hall. Overture, "Le Caid," Thomas. Waltz, "Casino Tani," Gungie. Selection, "The Women of the Gunned," Sullivan. Medley overture, "Bunch of Favorites," Beyer. March, "Chilothlan," Hall. Chief musician Rocco Resta, director.

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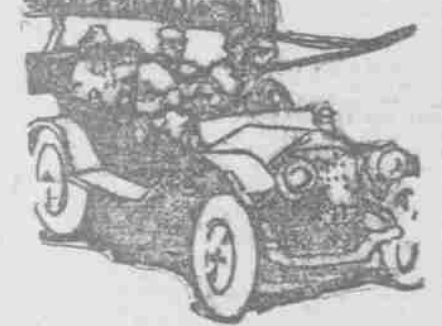
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